

REMARKS

Claims 3-9, 12-18, and 20-30 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, and 19 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the March 9, 2005 Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 3-9, 12-18, and 20-30. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Berkhout et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,736,163 (hereinafter the Berkhout reference), in view of Nagaraj, U.S. Patent No. 6,041,084 (hereinafter the Nagaraj reference). The Examiner rejected claims 2 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the Berkhout reference, in view of Nagaraj, in further view of McNally, US 2002/001354A1. The Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 10, 11, and 19.

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Applicant believes that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

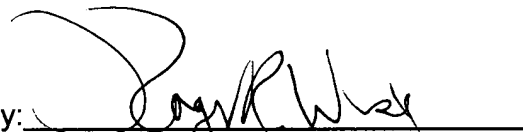
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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